

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/806,173

Examiner

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/29/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>2/06</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                           | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1-21 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art cited does not anticipate individually nor teach in combination the following limitations:
  - Shida (6,210,024) although disclosing a reflector with convection holes and a cover with a lens covering the surface of the cover and reflector opening, Shida does not teach a light-emitting tube having a light-emitting portion that emits a light beam by an electric discharge between electrodes and sealing portions provided on both sides of the light-emitting portion; a reflector that reflects the light beam emitted by the light-emitting portion forward after aligning in a predetermined direction; a cover covering a light-irradiation opening of the reflector, the cover having an opening for irradiating the light beam reflected by the reflector and a heat-radiation fin formed on the outside thereof the cover being made of a heat-conductive material that absorbs a heat generated by the light-emitting tube and conducts the absorbed heat to the heat-radiation fin; and a transparent member that covers the opening of the cover the transparent member sealing an inside of the light source defined by the reflector, the cover and the transparent member.
  - Malek et al (5,091,835) although disclosing a reflector with a light source, a lens retained to the reflector by spring clips to provide a spaced relation between the lens and the reflector to define axial flow paths for housing air flow ventilation,

Malek does not disclose a light-emitting tube having a light-emitting portion that emits a light beam by an electric discharge between electrodes and sealing portions provided on both sides of the light-emitting portion; a reflector that reflects the light beam emitted by the light-emitting portion forward after aligning in a predetermined direction; a cover covering a light-irradiation opening of the reflector, the cover having an opening for irradiating the light beam reflected by the reflector and a heat-radiation fin formed on the outside thereof the cover being made of a heat-conductive material that absorbs a heat generated by the light-emitting tube and conducts the absorbed heat to the heat-radiation fin; and a transparent member that covers the opening of the cover the transparent member sealing an inside of the light source defined by the reflector, the cover and the transparent member.

- JP 01-211705, although disclosing a reflector, a light source within the reflector a conical tube body covering the reflector body and a optical fiber bundle part inserted into the conical tube body covering the reflector, JP 01-211705 does not teach the combination of a light-emitting tube having a light-emitting portion that emits a light beam by an electric discharge between electrodes and sealing portions provided on both sides of the light-emitting portion; a reflector that reflects the light beam emitted by the light-emitting portion forward after aligning in a predetermined direction; a cover covering a light-irradiation opening of the reflector, the cover having an opening for irradiating the light beam reflected by the reflector and a heat-radiation fin formed on the outside thereof the cover

being made of a heat-conductive material that absorbs a heat generated by the light-emitting tube and conducts the absorbed heat to the heat-radiation fin; and a transparent member that covers the opening of the cover the transparent member sealing an inside of the light source defined by the reflector, the cover and the transparent member.

- Hirata et al although disclosing a reflector with heat dissipating fins formed on the exterior of the reflector, a light source contained within the reflector, Hirata et al does not disclose the combination of a light-emitting tube having a light-emitting portion that emits a light beam by an electric discharge between electrodes and sealing portions provided on both sides of the light-emitting portion; a reflector that reflects the light beam emitted by the light-emitting portion forward after aligning in a predetermined direction; a cover covering a light-irradiation opening of the reflector, the cover having an opening for irradiating the light beam reflected by the reflector and a heat-radiation fin formed on the outside thereof the cover being made of a heat-conductive material that absorbs a heat generated by the light-emitting tube and conducts the absorbed heat to the heat-radiation fin; and a transparent member that covers the opening of the cover the transparent member sealing an inside of the light source defined by the reflector, the cover and the transparent member.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

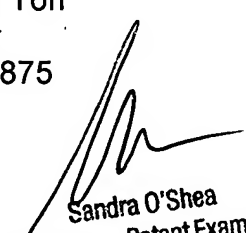
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anabel M. Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2382. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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